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Section 707(b) of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, P.L. 104-193 amends section 14(e) of the National School Lunch Act to delete the current requirement for State education agencies--which typically are not involved with decisions relative to the commodity program--to establish an advisory council for the purpose of advising the agency on the schools' needs relative to the selection and distribution of commodities. The National School Lunch Act now requires that State agencies responsible for the distribution of commodities consult with representatives of schools in the State that participate in the school lunch program when making decisions regarding the selection and distribution of commodities. National School Lunch Program and Food Distribution Program regulations will be amended to address issues associated with the consultation requirement. Effective immediately, State education agencies need not maintain the formerly required advisory councils.

If you have any questions, please contact our office.

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